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SITUATION

1. INDODEL DELIVERED FOLLOWING LETTER, DTD MARCH 14, TO
RVN DEL CHIEF GEN HIEP ON MARCH 15:

2. QUOTE

DEAR GENERAL,

IN MY CAPACITY AS HEAD OF THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION TO THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION I SHOULD
LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING:

IN SIGNING THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF JAN 27, 1973 AND ITS
RELATED PROTOCOLS, THE PARTY SIGNATORIES TO THE SAID AGREEMENT
HAVE SOLEMNLY DECLARED THE COMPLETE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES
IN SVN AS THE FUNDAMENTAL BASIS FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF THE
ULTIMATE AIM OF THE AGREEMENT, WHICH IS TO ESTABLISH THE
LONG-DESIRED PEACE IN VN THUS CONTRIBUTING TO THE CONSOLIDATION
OF PEACE PARTICULARLY IN SE ASIA AND THE WORLD IN GENERAL.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN GREETED WITH
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JOY AND RELIEF BY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

ALL THE MORE, IT HAS CONVINCED US THAT THE ROAD TO PEACE IS NOT THROUGH WAR, RATHER IT GOES THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS.

ON THIS PARTICULAR OCCASION, I SHOULD LIKE ONCE AGAIN TO UNDERLINE THAT INDONESIA'S ACCEPTANCE TO BECOME MEMBER OF THE ICCS WAS PROMPTED BY HER DESIRE TO CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN A REGION TO WHICH SHE BELONGS ALONG WITH HER WISH TO DO HER HUMBLE SHARE IN ALLEVIATING THE SUFFERINGS OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND TO SEE HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES APPLIED IN THIS COUNTRY SO MUCH DEVASTATED BY CALAMITIES OF A LONG PROTRACTED WAR.

IT IS WORTH TO NOTE THAT IT IS NOT MERELY THROUGH THE ICCS THAT THE VIETNAMESE PROBLEM COULD BE SETTLED, ON THE CONTRARY, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT IS THE FULL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARTY-SIGNATORIES TO IT. HOWEVER, I WOULD ALSO REAFFIRM MY DELEGATIONS CONSISTENT POSITION THAT THE ICCS SHOULD UNTIRINGLY CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS IN ASSISTING BOTH SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES TO END THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE WHICH IS A PREREQUISITE FOR SOLVING THEIR PROBLEMS IN THE SPIRIT OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD.

AS IS WIDELY KNOWN, IN FULFILLING AND DISCHARGING THE MANDATORY OBLIGATIONS OF THE ICCS, MEMBERS OF THE INDONESIAN DEL HAVE FROM THE BEGINNING UP TO THE VERY PRESENT MOMENT BEEN ON DUTY AT ALL LEVELS OF THE COMMISSION AS PRESCRIBED BY THE AGREEMENT, AS FAR AS THE SECURITY AND PERSONAL SAFETY PERMIT. THEREFORE, MY DEL VIEWS WITH REGRET THAT THE ESCALATION OF THE MILITARY ACTIVITIES AND HOSTILITIES IN SVN HAS LATELY RISEN TO AN UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT THEREBY CONTINUOUSLY BRINGING ENORMOUS LOSSES OF INNOCENT HUMAN LIVES AND EXPOSING MEMBERS OF MY DEL ON DUTY TO UNACCEPTABLE PERSONAL DANGER. IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, IF I MAY BE SPECIFIC, BAN-ME-THUOT IS A CLEAR EXAMPLE TO ALL OF US. THE FIGHTINGS WHICH RECENTLY TOOK PLACE IN THIS TOWN, WHERE THE ICCS TEAM SITE AS STIPULATED IN THE AGREEMENT IS LOCATED, DIRECTLY JEOPARDIZE THE LIVES OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, INCLUDING A MEMBER OF THE INDONESIAN DEL, WHO ARE OFFICIALLY CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTIES AS CALLED FOR BY THE SAID AGREEMENT.

THE FATE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION INCLUDING A MEMBER OF THE INDONESIAN DEL HAS BEEN TO DATE UNKNOWN DUE TO THE FIGHTINGS WHICH HAVE BEEN RAGING SINCE THE BEGINNING

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OF THIS WEEK.

IN LINE WITH MY PREVIOUS APPEAL TO YOU EARLY THIS WEEK, I HEREBY URGENTLY REQUEST YOU TO TAKE IMMEDIATE AND APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO ENSURE THE SECURITY AND PERSONAL SAFETY OF THE MEMBER OF MY DEL ON DUTY IN BAN-ME-THUOT.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE DEPLORABLE DEVELOPMENT, WITH DEEP REGRET I HAVE TO INFORM YOU THAT I AM OBLIGED TO IMMEDIATELY ORDER THE TEMPORARY EVACUATION OF MEMBERS OF MY DEL FROM A

NUMBER OF TEAMSITES AND POINTS OF ENTRY WHERE THE SECURITY AND PERSONAL SAFETY, IN MY DEL'S VIEW, ARE NOT GUARANTEED NOR RESPECTED BY THE PARTIES CONCERNED. I WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO APPEAL TO THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO EXPLORE ANEW WAYS AND POSSIBILITIES WHICH MAY LEAD TO A RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE SPEEDY IMPROVEMENT OF THE SITUATION.

SHOULD THE SITUATION IN SVN CONTINUE TO DETERIORATE TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT THE SECURITY AND PERSONAL SAFETY OF MEMBERS OF MY DEL CAN NO LONGER BE GUARANTEED BY THE PARTIES CONCERNED, I WOULD BE FORCED TO RECOMMEND TO MY GOVT TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION AS TO THE DESIRABILITY OF OUR CONTINUED PRESENCE IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION.

PLEASE ACCEPT, DEAR GENERAL, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

YOURS SINCERELY,

/S) M. KHARIS SUHUD

AMBASSADOR

HEAD OF THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION

TO THE ICCS

END QUOTE

3. INDONESIANS SENT SAME LETTER TO "PRG" DEL.
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